(a) whether the Ministry is aware about tribal backlog in various Departments of Central Government and services of Public Sector Undertakings;

(b) the action that are proposed by the Ministry to improve representations of Tribal employees in view of Constitutional reservations; and

(c) who is responsible for the backlog?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A special recruitment drive has been launched to fill up the backlog reserved vacancies.

(c) Some vacancies reserved for the Scheduled Tribes remain unfilled for the reasons like non-availability of suitable candidates, gap between arising of a vacancy and its filling up etc.

Drive against corruption

2946. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI in a nation-wide drive against corruption and alleged irregularities by public functionaries and also various recruitment boards has filed number of cases recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon; and

(c) the concrete steps taken by Government to make CBI more effective and also to expand its organizational set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. CBI, in a nation-wide drive against corruption in June 2009, has registered 70 cases of corruption and alleged irregularities by public functionaries.

(c) A number of measures have already been taken by the Government to strengthen the CBI which *inter-alia*, include modernization and upgradation of infrastructure and capacity building of officers and staff of the CBI.

Poor, illiterate and malnourished people

2947. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the country has the largest number of poor, illiterate and malnourished people in the world and nearly 25 crore people go to bed hungry every night;

(b) whether it is not a sorry state-of-affairs despite the fact of our independence long back of over 60 years; and

(c) whether something concrete would be done to uplift these sectors and a time frame for it by giving top priority?

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